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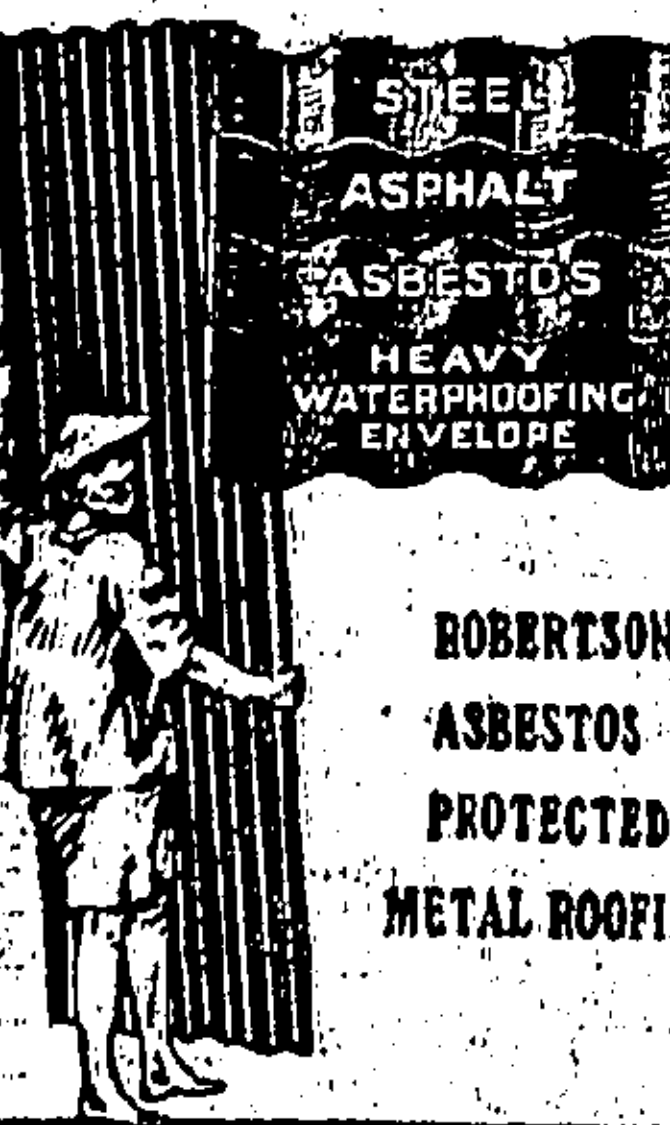
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KIDNAPPING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ARMED ROBBERS' HAUL.

How his son and a grandson were forcibly taken from home is related by a man in Man-shing village, New Territories, in a report to the Police.

His home is near Shau-ko-kok, the "township" on the British-Chinese border, the main street of which is the boundary.

On Thursday night, he and his family had retired as usual. Three robbers, who had a revolver and a dagger between them, broke through the front door. After ransacking the place they took away property valued at \$688. The nine-year-old son of Chung Tung-kwong (the owner) was kidnapped.

From Chung's son's house, about \$100 was taken, as well as another boy (who is a grandson of Chung).

It is presumed that the robbers' object is to obtain ransom as is done with impunity every day up-country.

Three water buffaloes, valued at \$200, have been stolen from Tan Shui Hung village, says another report.

BOMB CASE.

HEARING FIXED FOR MONDAY.

ALLEGED POSSESSION.

Hearing was fixed for 2.15 p.m. on Monday of the case in which a Chinese man and two Chinese women were detained in connection with the alleged discovery of bombs in a Praya Road house (prior to the Hunghom incident).

Mr. T. H. King (Director of Criminal Intelligence) was in charge of the Police case when it came up before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Magistracy this morning, on remand. Accused will be legally represented.

Notices have now been posted up in all places announcing that a reward of \$1,000 will be paid for arrest and conviction of persons with bombs and/or who have thrown bombs, and \$250 for the discovery of a live bomb or bombs.

ARMS TRAFFIC.

Alleged to have in his possession two automatic pistols and two magazines, a Japanese donkeyman of the s.s. "Mito Maru" has been arrested in the Colony.

MOTOR TRAFFIC.

WHERE PARKING IS NOT PERMITTED.

IN BROKERS' ALLEY.

Elsewhere in to-day's issue the Captain Superintendent of Police notifies that motor cars will not be allowed to park below the former main entrance to the Hongkong Hotel (in Pedder Street).

Cars are not allowed, it is also notified, to remain in Ice House Street longer than is absolutely necessary.

JUMPING FERRIES.

Through falling between the wharf and the Yaumati ferry, yesterday, a Chinese postmaster has received injuries in his right leg. He is now being treated in the Government Civil Hospital.

"Wholesome film." As the letter referred to by you appeared in another newspaper, your letter should be inserted in that newspaper.

The street off Kwong Fung Lane between Queen's Road West and Third Street running in an easterly direction on Inland Lot No. 798 and parallel to Third Street is henceforth to be known as Kwong Fung Terrace.

It is notified in the "Government Gazette" that, at the expiration of three months from date, the International Petroleum Company, Ltd. will, unless cause is shown to the contrary, be struck off the register of companies and the company will be dissolved.

BROKER'S LOSS.

\$600 DRESS MATERIAL MISSING.

GONE SINCE THE STRIKE.

Inability to fix a date rather confuses the facts of a report made to the Police by Mr. W. J. Carroll, the well-known sharebroker, of Messrs. Carroll Brothers, who has lost some dress material worth \$600.

The material was in a case at Mr. Carroll's Ice House Street address. Mr. Carroll is of the opinion that the theft must have occurred some time between June 19 last and yesterday, when the discovery was made.

WORKING DAY.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE A SUCCESS.

AGREEMENT REACHED.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 19.

The Conference of Ministers of Labour on hours of industry, which opened last Monday in London, concluded its sittings at 2.30 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Arthur Steel Maitland, British Secretary of State for Labour, in closing the Conference, said: "The British Government decided to convene this Conference because it desired to see how far it was possible to secure an agreement amongst the principal industrial States as to the principles upon which there could be based an international agreement for the regulation of hours of labour. This was without prejudice to other nations. It is no doubt desirable to obtain an agreement with others than those invited, but the possibility of an agreement among the four nations present with us is indispensable if a wider measure of agreement is to be obtained. In particular, the British Government felt it necessary to examine the difficulties surrounding the Washington Convention, and to ascertain to what extent it would be practicable to ensure uniformity of interpretation, combined with assurances as to effective operation and enforcement. I am sure that we all agree that the Conference has been able greatly to advance the consideration of the whole question of hours of labour from an international standpoint, and I acknowledge with cordiality, and gratitude the co-operation of my colleagues to that end."

The record of the agreements reached by the Conference was afterward signed. The representatives of the Governments participating in the Conference undertook to report these agreements to their respective Governments so that those Governments who have not ratified the Washington Convention may be in a position to proceed with the consideration of the question of the ratification of the Washington Convention.

The conclusions of the Conference will also be reported formally to the International Labour Office by the British Government, which took the initiative in summoning the Conference.

SMALL INVESTORS.

SAVING GRACE IN GREAT BRITAIN.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 18.

Some remarkable figures regarding small investors in Britain were given in an address by Mr. Walter Runciman, who said that they showed that there was to-day a wider distribution of wealth in Britain than ever before.

There were now about 16,000,000 capitalists in this country, he said, and the total amount of their savings was not far short of £2,000,000,000.

Of this immense sum, £285,000,000 was deposited in the Post Office Savings Banks, £223,000,000 in National Savings Certificates, £198,000,000 in small Government holdings, £470,000,000 in ordinary and industrial Life Assurance Funds, £140,000,000 in Building Societies, and £300,000,000 in other approved Societies.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, as quoted today was 2/8 9/16.

PEKING INCIDENT.

EXCITEMENT STILL PREVAILS.

COMMUNISTS ARRESTED.

(Reuters Service.)

Peking, March 19.

A mandate has been issued ordering the arrest of five alleged Communist leaders.

It is asserted that they led the student demonstrators yesterday, and otherwise made use of the Communist doctrine to disturb the peace, and engaged in widespread intrigues calculated to unbalance the masses.

Further Story.

Shanghai, March 20.

With reference to the shootings in Peking delayed telegrams from Peking state that a group of students visited the Chinese Foreign Office on Wednesday evening for the purpose of presenting an uncompromising reply to the Powers ultimatum on the Taku incident which they wanted the Government to adopt.

Yesterday morning nearly 1,000 students paraded the streets and finally reached the Cabinet headquarters in the afternoon, where they intended to demand the dismissal of those responsible for the official reply, a forecast of which the vernacular morning papers published.

Prevented in the attempt to enter the students attempted to force their way, when the guard used bayonets and finally fired point blank.

Eye-witnesses state that three or four volleys were fired, after which the crowd scattered in all directions the soldiers continuing to shoot as the students fled.

It appears that there had been a certain amount of bad blood between the students and the body-guard owing to a clash on Wednesday evening.

High excitement prevails among the students, against whom the Government is said to contemplate further drastic measures including the arrest of a well-known quartette who are regarded as the ring-leaders of a Communist agitation. It is thought that this will be the prelude to wholesale arrests of suspected Communist agitators.

Measures Against Communists.

Peking, March 19.

The total casualties are now estimated at 120, including two girls and a woman. The Chief Executive called an emergency meeting of the Cabinet following the shooting, at which it was said that the Communist movement seriously affected the prestige of China, the Government of which is charged with being Bolshevik, which it is not. Strong measures are necessary to suppress the Communist movement.

Who Gave the Order?

Peking, March 19.

The killed in yesterday's incident when Chinese guards fired on student demonstrators, included a coolie who was passing. Altogether twenty of the wounded reached the P.U.M.C. Hospital. Two of them have since died.

Order has been restored, but the greatest excitement prevails. Shops in the vicinity are closed and trams are not running.

General Li Ming-chung, the Commandant of the Peking Garrison, hastened to the scene soon after the firing and from there went to see the Premier who was unable to explain who gave the order to fire.

Li Ming-chung then called on H.E. Tuan Chi-jui (Chief Executive) with whom he is still discussing the matter.

The Casualties.

Peking, March 19.

The number of persons killed was 50 and there were 70 injured.

FRENCH FINANCE.

NEW MINISTER ADDRESSES CHAMBER COMMITTEE.

(Reuters Service.)

Paris, March 19.

The Finance Minister, M. Raoul Peret, addressing the Chamber Finance Committee, estimated that the 1926 Budget deficit would be five milliards francs. This would be met by revenues already approved and by fresh taxation, including a civic tax, indirect tax, and duties on production, of which he estimated the proceeds would amount to three milliard francs.

LOCAL INDUSTRY.

GROWING GINGER IN NEW TERRITORIES.

GOVERNMENT HELPFUL.

The "China Mail" has been courteously supplied with an advance proof of the annual report for 1925, of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, which is to be issued to members on Monday.

A chapter on "Ginger cultivation in the Colony" reads:—

The members of the Shun Shau Tong, the Preserved Ginger Association, addressed a circular to the Chamber and all Export Firms on August 20 stating that the new season preserved ginger of the current year—both wet and dry, and both packed in casks and in cases—contracted for with foreign firms, could not be delivered during the months of August and September, as, unfortunately, owing to the Strike in Hongkong, many workers had stopped work and left the Colony.

"Moreover," the writers added, "the Canton Authorities have prohibited the exportation of goods to Hongkong and have also stopped all steamer traffic between Canton and Hongkong. As you are aware, though preserved in Hongkong, all ginger is imported from Canton. Though conditions in the Colony are gradually becoming normal, the importation of raw ginger from Canton is still impossible. Under these circumstances we are unable to deliver the goods at the above mentioned times and hope you will inform buyers and consumers abroad to this effect. As soon as conditions improve, every effort will be made to make deliveries under contracts as early as possible."

In this connection the Export Sub-Committee discussed the practicability of promoting the growing of ginger in the New Territories, and as a result a letter was addressed to the Government on September 25, stating that the Chamber had recently had under consideration information from the Chinese Preserved Ginger Dealers, stating that no raw ginger was available for this market owing to the non-arrival of supplies, due to the strike, boycott and generally disturbed conditions in South China, and it was a matter of common knowledge that large stocks were lying rotting in the Interior for the same reasons. The Trade Returns for 1924, showed that the value of the exports of ginger from Hongkong in that year amounted to £214,023, of which £139,670 went to the United Kingdom; £53,107 to Australia; £10,130 to New Zealand; £30,002 to the United States of America; £43,959 to Holland, and £10,378 to Germany. It was understood that increasing quantities of ginger were grown in the New Territories, where the soil had proved suitable. The Chamber, therefore, ventured to suggest to the Government that enquiries should be made as to the possibility of developing this valuable industry in the New Territories, where cultivators would be working under very favourable conditions as compared with the Interior of China, as they would have a considerable market at their doors and enjoy freedom from the continual interference with their operations which so unhappily persisted in China. At the same time, the ginger preserving industry in Hongkong and Kowloon would gain the advantage of more regular supplies, and the export trade in the commodity would not suffer the damage which must ensue, when the demand of Overseas Markets was entirely disappointed at a period when supplies were expected.

It is hoped that, at a convenient opportunity, the Government will thoroughly investigate this question.

The result of this action by the Canton Government has been that, in spite of their efforts to import Kerosene from Russia or to obtain American Oils from California, they have been unable to keep Kwangtung supplied with its needs of Kerosene, so that following the law of supply and demand prices have been forced up to a prohibitive figure and the already impoverished people have been mulcted, first by the \$4 fee charged by the Government Monopoly, and then by the high profits demanded by those who imported with this object. In spite of the fact that Kerosene prices in Hongkong remained unchanged throughout the year, the prices current in Canton in December were s.c. \$12 per unit against a price in Hongkong of Hk.\$4.45.

The action of the Canton Government in imposing first an illegal tax, and later declaring a Monopoly, is one that obviously must come under consideration at the Tariff Conference which opened its sessions in Peking in the late Autumn, and if the Canton Government are to be allowed to maintain this Monopoly it is clear that the consumers of Kerosene will have to pay very much more for their requirements in the future, with the result that there must be a very serious diminution in the volume of trade.

PO LEUNG KUK.

HARBOUR COLLISION.

Seven persons got off with no worse than a "ducking" in the harbour yesterday afternoon when the sampans they were in collided with the ferry launch "Man On," from Shanshuiho to Hongkong.

In a report to the Harbour Office, details are given of the navigation steps taken. The launch rescued the sampans folk and the boat was towed to the Police basin.

The annual general meeting of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals will be held on Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce Board room.

"ILLEGAL TAX."

CANTON AND KEROSENE IMPORTS.

PROTESTS UNSUCCESSFUL.

The following chapter on "The kerosene monopoly in South China" is taken from an advance proof of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce annual report for 1925 (which will be issued to members on Monday).

A matter of great interest to all importers of foreign goods into China is the action taken by the Canton Government during 1925 in taxing Petroleum products, and later declaring a Government Monopoly for Kerosene, Motor Spirit and Liquid Fuel.

When, in April, 1925, the Canton Government imposed a tax of 40 cts. s.c. per unit of 10 gallons on Kerosene, the British and American Consuls General in Canton entered strong protests at Canton and Peking, claiming that the tax was contrary to the intention and spirit of various Treaties, and in particular to Article No. 28 of the Treaty of Tientsin, 1858.

As these protests were unsuccessful, each of the three principal distributing Companies decided to withhold supplies of their products to the area in which the Canton Government levied the tax, declining to have their products taxed in this illegal manner.

It is obvious that, if this tax was successfully imposed, though it might begin at 40 cts. s.c., there was no limit to the amount to which it could subsequently be increased. As events have shown, the tax was in fact speedily increased, until at the end of 1925 it stood at s.c. \$4 per unit, which is the figure outside importers now have to pay to the Monopoly which has been promulgated.

Furthermore, though the tax was only introduced first in Canton, it was obvious that it would speedily spread to other places, and eventually be introduced all over China, being extended, in all probability, to other products besides Petroleum. By the end of 1925, the Monopoly had been introduced by the Canton Government throughout the Kwangtung Province, and an office for Kwangsi was actually opened at Wuchow, though it never became really operative.

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PO LEUNG KUK.

The new directorate of the Po Leung Kuk includes Mr. Wong Ping-suen (comptroller to Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co.) and Mr. T. N. Chan (Chau Tsun-nin), the Chinese barrister.

The Po Leung Kuk is the local semi-official institution which deals with Chinese social questions, particularly in matters relating to the fair sex.

CAPT. MCKINNON.

Captain A. McKinnon of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd. returned to the Colony from leave by the s.s. "Taiping." This popular skipper will have a few days' "shore leave" after which it will be decided what ship he will command in the company's service.

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ANTI-COMMUNISM.

PUBLIC MEETING IN SHANGHAI.

DANGER OF APATHY.

There was a surprisingly large audience at the Olympic Theatre, Shanghai, on March 12, reports the "Shanghai Mercury," on the occasion of the mass meeting called together by the Constitutional Defence League, the first of its kind, to hear expounded the principles of the League from the point of view of the anti-Communist and from the particular standpoint of foreigners residing in the Far East.

The meeting was marked by an enthusiasm seldom displayed by Shanghai audiences and proved particularly encouraging to the organisers responsible for it.

The Chairman for the occasion was Mr. L. M. H. Beytagh, his supporters being Messrs. J. R. Jones, M.A., Captain A. E. Howard and Mr. R. N. Swann, the latter being the League's secretary.

The principal address of the meeting was that delivered by Mr. J. R. Jones who spoke at great length upon the origin, aims and development of Bolshevism, and drew the attention of those present to the necessity for combined action upon the part of anti-Communists to resist the perils of this doctrine. Mr. Jones, in addition to having made a close study of this subject, was able to speak from personal experience of "this saturnal of revolution, bloodshed and murder" and stirred his audience to a marked degree in a most able and enlightening speech which lasted throughout the greater part of the meeting with, it will not be denied, results which must prove beneficial to the object of the League.

The theme of the speech, Karl Marx's famous manifesto relative to Communism, demonstrated the aspirations of a misled clique whose ideal was common ownership with success necessarily dependent upon the principles of world-wide revolution.

The speaker traced the history of the three internationalisms from the time of the moderate Kerensky to the present day extremists such as Trotsky and Zinoviev who have brought about in Russia "a saturnal of bloodshed such as has never been paralleled in the world's history."

The speaker inserted details of some atrocious crimes committed by the Communists of which he had personal knowledge and proceeded to warn his audience of the danger existing at present in the Far East.

The Far East, the speaker said, was at present the real centre of Communism's efforts and activities and it was the object of the agents of Communism here to produce "a national awakening" which might eventually be prostituted to the aims of Marxism.

Coming nearer to matters of vital interest to the residents of Shanghai, Mr. Jones referred to the agitation spread by men such as Comrade Desser, "who even now is in Shanghai."

In a final appeal to his audience to stir itself to the dangers lurking within our doors, Mr. Jones warned his hearers that the great danger to-day was apathy.

How We Can Help.

Mr. Beytagh then dealt briefly with the foundation of the League and its purpose locally. It was purely an international organisation, in no way connected with any particular organisation or society. It was an "organisation of the man in the street."

It was not the purpose of the organisation to concentrate on an attack upon Russia, or any sovereign state but "at Communism as a whole."

Such an organisation must necessarily require some financing and though several prominent firms had promised substantial help and there was the possibility of gaining further assistance from abroad, yet it was the desire of the League to become assured of a regular monthly income and to this end the speaker appealed to those present to join the League, which required a monthly subscription of \$1 as membership fee.

Fourteen nationalities are at present co-operating. In the League," said Mr. Beytagh, "and if human endeavour, energy and determination, backed up by your public support, can achieve the end we have set out to achieve, we shall do it."

"What is the hardest thing about skating, when you are just learning?"

"I've found it to be the ice!"

It was a dear old lady's first ride in a taxi, and she watched with growing alarm the driver continually putting his hand outside the car as a signal to the following traffic.

"Young man," she said, "you look after that car of yours, and watch where you are going. I'll tell you when it starts raining."

NOT CHILLS!

MICROBES SHOULD BE BLAMED.

WHY WE CATCH COLD.

In these days everyone seems to be just catching on just getting over a cold; and, of course, he wonders how he caught it, (says a writer in the "Daily Mail.")

The truth is that microbes cause colds; chills do not. The patient who says he contracted a chill was already infected by the "vicious" microbe when he first complained of feeling chilly.

Man versus germ is a lifelong contest. You "catch cold" because, for a time, the germ wins a victory.

The deeply rooted popular belief that colds and catarrhs are directly due to a damp, chilly climate is false. Arctic explorers never catch colds, even during the most inclement weather until they open up baggage that has been collecting germ-laden dust since it was stored at their point of departure. Only when this dust is added to the air breathed do colds, catarrhs, and influenza become rampant.

During the winter months doors and windows are kept closed too constantly. Fresh air, the strongest enemy of the common cold, is excluded. Dust soon accumulates in badly ventilated houses, offices, public buildings, and conveyances. The latest medical researches prove that dust, particularly household dust, is largely responsible for the onset of catarrhs and colds.

A germ-invasion is the direct cause of "catching cold." The invading army contains the Micrococcus Catarrhalis and hosts of other microbes, such as streptococci, staphylococci, and pneumococci.

These germs lodge in the lining membrane of the nose and throat. Here they set up inflammation. Their poisons enter the system and bring on the characteristic symptoms.

In health the natural resistance of the body repels a germ invasion. When this resistance is weak and you are feeling out of sorts the germs gain a sure footing. This condition is produced by: (1) Fatigue from over-exertion, physical or mental; (2) Lack of fresh air during work or recreation indoors; (3) wearing insufficient clothing in wintry weather and getting wet feet owing to boots not being damp-proof; (4) a "run-down" state of general health due to illness, worry, or other mental strains; and (5) not keeping physically fit in winter by open-air exercise.

Isolation of all early cases—for the complaint is infectious—and the intelligent use of antiseptic gargles, sprays, and douches would go a long way towards banishing the outbreaks of the common cold that occur every winter.

NOTICES.

HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of this Association will be held in the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, 23rd March, 1926, at 5.15 p.m., to pass and adopt the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1925, and to elect Officers, etc.

By Order,
P. M. HODGSON,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, March 16, 1926.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on MONDAY, 29th March, 1926, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1925.

The SHARE REGISTER AND TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 23rd to the 28th March, 1926, (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1926.

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NOTICES.

HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company, Limited, will be held in the Office of Messrs. Shaw, Tames & Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th day of March, 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1925, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
S. COURTNEY COOK,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 9, 1926.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 25th March, 1926, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1925, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 20th March, 1926, until THURSDAY the 25th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1926.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

WITH reference to the Notice to the Shareholders of this Company dated 27th JANUARY, 1926, whereby the Final Call of \$5.00 per share on the New Shares was made payable on 1st APRIL, 1926, instead of 1st FEBRUARY, 1926, the General Managers and Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the conditions prevailing at present, to further extend the time for payment of this Call.

Notice is accordingly hereby given that the date for payment of the Final Call is postponed to 2nd JULY, 1926, and that the Form of Bankers' Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the date named therein were the 2nd JULY, 1926.

For the HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.
General Managers,
Hongkong, 16th March, 1926.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on FRIDAY, the 26th March, 1926, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1925.

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The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 19th day of March, to MONDAY, the 29th day of March, 1926, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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- 2/32 (Even Numbers) Chinese Street on Portion of Marine Lot No. 14.
- 60/70 (Even Numbers) Des Voeux Road Central on Portion of Marine Lot No. 14.
- 155/160 Prince's East on Marine Lot No. 196.
- 31/167 Square feet of Land being The Reclamation to Marine Lot No. 196.
- 15, 16, and 17, Connaught Road Central on Marine Lot No. 367.
- 18/23 (Running Numbers) Connaught Road Central on Marine Lot No. 368.
- 95 Connaught Road Central on Marine Lot No. 370.
- 87A, 37B, 38, 38A, 39 and 40 Connaught Road Central on Portion of Marine Lot No. 381.
- Stephen's Building situate on Portion of Marine Lot No. 381.
- 7 Robinson Road on Inland Lot No. 713.
- 9 Shelley Street on Section E of Inland Lot No. 119.
- 44 Bonham Road on Portion of Section A of Inland Lot No. 581.
- 46 Bonham Road on Portion of Section A of Inland Lot No. 581.
- 4 Peak Road on Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 648.
- 9 Mountain View, The Peak, on Section A of Rural Building Lot No. 60.
- 10 Mountain View, The Peak, on Section I of Rural Building Lot No. 60.
- 5 Stewart Terrace, The Peak on Section E of Rural Building Lot No. 9.
- 1 and 2 "Dikusha" situate on Section A of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 529.
- 52/58 square feet of land being Kowloon Inland Lot No. 538.
- 255 and 257 Shanghai Street, Yau-mat on Portion of the Remaining Portion of Section B of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 29.
- 132, 134 and 136 Reclamation Street, Yau-mat on Portion of the Remaining Portion of Section B of Marine Lot No. 29.
- 162/180 (even Numbers) Reclamation Street, Yau-mat on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 674.
- 182/200 (even Numbers) Reclamation Street, Yau-mat on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 712.
- 202/220 (even Numbers) Reclamation Street, Yau-mat on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 878.
- 2,375 square feet of land being Kowloon Inland Lot No. 422.
- 438, 441 and 443 Shanghai Street, Yau-mat on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1618.
- 631/638 (odd Numbers) Shanghai Street, Yau-mat on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1102.
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"MAEDONIA"	11,000	20th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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"TANDA"	10,941	8th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN"	10,941	15th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,941	22nd June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TANDA"	10,941	29th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

Tourists may come and tourists may go, but they are ever welcome if only for the grossly material consideration that they have money to spend. "The money makes the mare to go—and if it cannot or will not go in one direction the choice of routes is various. The great liners "Resolute" and "Laconia" have each brought large numbers of passengers, who have had opportunities not only of spending freely but of inspecting the natural beauties of Hongkong and its "environs" (as the old-fashioned guide books were wont to phrase it). Unfortunately for the fullest possible enjoyment of all that is pleasing to the aesthetic eye, the weather was lamentably wet, detracting alike from the pleasures of sight-seeing and shopping. The Legislative Council has had another meeting, but its proceedings were colourless. Two Bills were introduced providing for the issue of Hongkong Treasury bills in London and in the Colony to facilitate borrowing as occasion demands. The third reading was passed of the Bill restoring to enemy aliens certain privileges that automatically lapsed at the outbreak of the war. A little more vim than usual was imparted to the meeting of the Finance Committee by reason of an animated discussion on the feasibility or otherwise of re-opening the statistics office of the Imports and Exports Department. The question has been referred to the General Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, thus further deferring a final decision by the Government. Three Company meetings have been held, of which one—the Star Ferry Co., Ltd.—was purely formal for the purpose of altering the Articles of Association. Satisfactory results were disclosed by the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak at the meeting of the Hongkong Telephone Co., a dividend of eight per cent being declared and \$77,404.51 carried forward to next account. This meeting, incidentally, gave one shareholder the opportunity to comment in laudatory terms of the apathy of shareholders in general in the matter of attendance at meetings. At the Green Island Cement Company meeting a

smaller profit was reported, but a dividend of 80 cents on the old shares and 10.666 cents on the new shares was adopted and the sum of \$53,342.92 carried forward. In scholastic circles Lady Clement presented the prizes at the annual prize-giving of St. Stephen's Girls' College. The case continued all week in the Supreme Court in which Messrs. Moxon and Taylor, sharebrokers, are claiming \$37,600 from the Man Chuen Bank, judgment being reserved.

Imperial questions have experienced another quiet week, but satisfaction will be felt that Mr. Alan Cobham, the hero of the Cape flight, has had bestowed on him the Air Force Cross. In purely Home matters, the threat of a lock-out in the engineering industry has been averted at the eleventh hour by the mutinous strikers at Hoe's printing machinery works yielding to the dictation of the Executives of seven Unions and intimating their intention to resume work on Monday next.

Internationally, Geneva has monopolised all the limelight that has been going. The question of Germany's admission to the League and her election as a permanent member of the Council has been deferred till September. By that time it may be realised that the Assembly has never at any time been automatically bound not to consider the claims of other nations to permanent seats on the Council simultaneously with those of Germany. That fact has been ignored from the commencement of the controversy by nearly all the commentators; a section of whom have certainly indulged in acrimony quite foreign to the vaunted spirit of Locarno. Something akin to a very crudely manufactured bombshell has been thrown at Great Britain and France by the question of the alleged violation of neutrals' rights raised by the ubiquitous Senator Borah. This gentleman seems ever "spoiling for a fight," and no sooner is he knocked out in one round than he rises and looks gleefully around for another opponent. In ecclesiastical quarters a mild stir has been created by the expulsion from the Church of the Rev. Dr. Gelkerken, the beloved pastor of Amsterdam, following his suspension for the awful crime of refusing to sign his belief in the story of Eve and the Serpent and other Old Testament statements.

China has been more than usually prominent. Following the blockade of shipping by the Taku Forts, isolating Tientsin and Peking, the Powers presented an ultimatum under the 1901 Protocol. The Chinese were given three days to remove the obstacles and restore communications to the sea. A satisfactory reply was forthcoming from the Chinese and the incident was closed so far as the Powers are concerned. In Peking, however, China's reply led to a demonstration by students, who were fired on by Chinese guards. This, again, has led to a mandate ordering the arrest of five Communist leaders. Nothing fresh has developed in regard to Canton, but the latest "bulletin" discloses that the informal nego-

tiations for the cessation of the strike and the boycott continue, and that there is still good grounds for hope of the successful issue of these.

THRIFT.

One thing at least should strike the reader who takes the trouble to read the accounts of school prize distributions. In the midst of the list of things attempted and done, there is never a word about the question of thrift. It may not be done now—but years ago a branch of the Penny Savings Bank was a feature at a number of elementary schools in England. Each Monday, school-children brought their pennies to school and the amounts were recorded in a diminutive pass book. Thus, very early in life, the young idea was taught the value of thrift, and the fact that if the pennies were saved, the pounds would take care of themselves. Perhaps we ask too much that the Hongkong dominie should act as bank clerk in addition to his or her educational duties proper. But if education is meant to fit a child for life, the subject of thrift is, of important subjects, the most important. In a place where generally speaking, money is readily earned, it is also readily spent. The child mind does not grasp economic facts readily. He knows the value of money from the spending-point of view, and is content to let it go at that. Canon Peter Green thinks there is more morality in \$10 in the savings bank than in the Ten Commandments. "The Ten Commandments told you what you ought to do; \$10 in the savings bank made you want to do it." The Canon thinks there is no work more patriotic to-day than the inculcation of thrift. The epigram is so good that it would be a pity to analyse it too scrupulously; whilst the inculcation statement is so true that it is needless to insist upon it.

\$50,000 CASE.

WING ON PROSECUTION CONTINUES.

After a delay through counsel being engaged at the Supreme Court, the case was continued before Mr. R. E. Lindsell (senior magistrate) yesterday afternoon of alleged conspiracy by two Chinese to obtain \$50,000 from Messrs. Wing On's banking department. Features of the case so far has been the raising of bail after a third defendant had "jumped bail," and the spirited passages between the lawyers engaged. Mr. F. C. Jenkin is prosecuting. Mr. Leo d'Almeida (who instructed Mr. Easley Zeilby) acted in the absence of counsel (who has gone to Shanghai) and Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton represented the other defendant. Evidence was given yesterday (before Mr. Hall Brutton continued his cross-examination) by an interpreter at the Supreme Court, and also a member of the registry staff; and by the sub-accountant of the Industrial and Commercial Bank, Hongkong. The case will be continued on Tuesday.

The eleventh annual athletic meeting of the Hongkong University Athletic Association will be held on the Pokfulum ground next Saturday.

His Excellency the Governor has given his assent in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—Ordinance No. 3 of 1926—An Ordinance to give the Governor in Council power to order refunds of rates; Ordinance No. 4 of 1926—An Ordinance to repeal enactments imposing disabilities on former enemy aliens.

Particulars appear in our advertisement columns to-day of what is probably the biggest sale of property that has taken place in Hongkong. It comprises the estate of the late Mr. M. J. D. Stephens, sold by order of the Official Trustee in England. There are many lots of land on both sides of the harbour to be disposed of including: St. Stephen's Building, houses at Mountain View and Stewart Terrace, The Peak and premises on the mid-levels and business districts. The houses to be sold on the Hongkong side are 72 and on the Kowloon side, 60.

SHARES QUIET.

PRICES WELL MAINTAINED DURING WEEK.

Messrs. Moxon and Taylor's weekly share report states:—

We have had a quiet market during the week under review, and although some stocks show slight decline, prices have been generally well maintained.

Shanghai market is steady without much doing.

The following are the principal alterations since last week:—

Banks.—Have again been in good demand during the week and at the close are wanted at \$1,065.

Unions.—Continue in good demand and are wanted at \$285.

Canton Insurances and Hongkong Fires.—are both firmer and are wanted at quotations.

Hotels.—Are slightly easier and could be placed at \$94.

Hongkong Electric.—Have been more or less neglected since the payment of dividend.

Treasury.—Have eased off a little and are on offer at \$24½.

China Sugars.—Have come to business at \$27½.

China Lights.—Have been a steady market and have come to business at \$21½ for the Combined shares.

Steamboats.—Have risen to a buying rate of \$24½ without attracting sellers.

Hongkong Lands.—Have again been the medium of considerable business and are wanted at \$68½.

Humphreys.—Are steady and could be placed at \$14½.

Cements.—Have buyers at \$15½ ex dividend.

Wharves.—After having been done as high as \$133 are slightly easier and at the close have come to business at \$130½.

Hongkong Docks.—Have been the medium of considerable business at rising prices closing with buyers at \$62½.

Star Ferries.—Have been more or less neglected during the week.

Dairy Farms.—Have again been in some demand during the week but at the close are a little easier with sellers at \$20.

London Quotations of the 18th inst:—Banks \$125.10s., Indos Deferred 45.10, Shells 54.12.6.

Exchange:—Demand rate on London is 2/3 9/16, and T/T on Shanghai is 76½.

Subject to confirmation the following dividends have been declared:—

A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd.:—70 cents on Old shares and 52½ cents on New shares. Payable on March 29, 1926.

Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China:—Dividend for the past half-year at the rate of 14% free of income tax plus a bonus of 6s. 6d. per share.

The Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.:—Dividend of 8% free of Income Tax for half year ending December 31, 1925.

The final call of \$5 on the New shares of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., has been extended from April 1, 1926 to July 2, 1926.

The ordinary yearly meeting of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., will be held on March 25, and that of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., will be held on March 29.

Next Settlement Day is Tuesday, March 23.

MAKING MERRY.

LAST NIGHT'S MASKED BALL CARNIVAL.

PROMOTERS REWARDED.

About five hundred dancers turned up last night at the City Hall for the fancy dress masked carnival ball and masquerade, which was declared to be a complete success for the promoters.

The different schemes of decoration, with soft-shaded electric light, streamers, bunting, flags, &c. lent an appropriate touch of colour which was noticeable from the entrance to the dance floor, supper room and other places.

Two dance bands carried through a non-stop programme of forty-two dances and extras from shortly after nine o'clock till a late hour.

As little interest had been taken in the popular ballot for selection of dances, the following (as returned by voting papers) were given:—

Fox-trots:—"Tea for Two" (7); "Show me the Way to go Home" (9); "I want to be Happy" (12); "Katherine" (14); "Rose Marie" (17); "Don't Bring Lulu" (20); "My Swiss" (23); "Titina" (25); "Oh How I love my Darling" (28); "Yeppening" (30); "Susie" (32); "Ukulele Lady" (35).

Waltz:—"Moonlight Roses" (6); "All Alone" (11); "What'll I do" (16); "June" (31); "Dreamy Melody" (36); "Kiss in the Park" (41).

Some of the tourist ship "Laconia's" passengers were present and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The promoters laid stress on the advantage of masking. With their identities concealed, dancers entered into the spirit of the carnival with gaiety. It was an occasion for people to feel at liberty, dispensing with the formalities usually associated with big dances arranged in the Colony.

There were fancy dresses of all descriptions, some of a really ambitious and unique make-up.

As an initial venture of its kind, the carnival must be considered a successful forerunner of others to come.

CHINA'S TARIFF.

JAPAN WILL NOT WITHDRAW FROM CONFERENCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, March 18.

Mr. Shidehara, replying to enquiries in the Lower House, stated emphatically that the Government does not intend withdrawing from the Tariff Conference, as the stabilisation of the Chinese situation necessitates an agreement being reached.

NEW VICEROY.

LEAVES LONDON FOR INDIA.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 18.

Lord Irwin, the new Viceroy of India, and Lady Irwin, left London this afternoon for Marseilles, where they will embark for India.

LAST WEEK'S SCOUT RALLY.



Photos by Lee Fong, 7, Wyndham St.

Two troops of local Boy Scouts—about two hundred strong—gathered at (military) Headquarters House last Saturday (by permission of H.E. the G.O.C., Major-General C. C. Laird) when a very interesting display was given. Above are snapshots of two different groups.

IN THE BALANCE.

POSITION OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

A MATTER OF TIME.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, March 19.
The franc reached a new low record to-day of 137.75, which is attributed to the general political situation.

It is pointed out that the Government's big majority on the vote of no confidence in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday was due to the Socialists supporting the Government out of sympathy with M. Mabry, but when finances are again discussed M. Briand's 200 Left and Centre followers will be opposed by about 300 members comprising the Rightists and Socialists, who object to M. Peret.

It is now questioned whether the Government will last, until after Easter.

AMERICAN AMOK.

KILLS SIX AND COMMITS SUICIDE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Placerville (Calif.), Mar. 19.
A man named John Goin, ran amok yesterday and killed five women and a man at Stockton. He met his death after a dramatic motor chase, with pursuing officers firing on Goin's car, which left the mountain road near Eldorado and overturned. Goin was picked up lifeless. The officers assert that they heard a shot just before the car swerved, and believe that Goin committed suicide.

ESTATE DUTY.

NEW RULES UNDER THE ORDINANCE.

The rules made by the Governor in Council under section 23 of the Estate Duty Ordinance, 1915, Ordinance No. 16 of 1915, on March 18, are published in the "Government Gazette."

1. Where any form as prescribed by the Governor in Council pursuant to section 23 of the Estate Duty Ordinance, 1915, all observations, instructions and marginal or other notes appearing thereon for regulating the practice under the said Ordinance, shall be supplemental to those rules and shall have force and effect accordingly.

2. Where any form is prescribed as aforesaid a date on and after which such form shall be used and have effect may be determined by the Governor in Council.

3. The Commissioner may, in his discretion, allow such modifications of the forms and practice, saving only the law and practice as regards the formalities and requirements as to affidavits and affirmations generally, as may appear to him convenient.

The prescribed forms are also published in the "Gazette."

IN THE GAZETTE.

Mr. John Harry Barclay Nihill has been appointed a Police Magistrate with effect from March 18.

Dr. Joseph Patrick Fahilly has been appointed to act as Health Officer and Inspector of Immigrants during the absence on leave of Dr. Bagenal Harvey Mellon.

His Excellency the Governor has re-appointed, under the provisions of section 10 of the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884, Ordinance No. 1 of 1884, Dr. George Duncan Ralph Black to be a Member of the Medical Board for a further term of three years, with effect from March 1, 1926.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed the medical officers now or at any time hereafter performing the duties of Medical Officer of Health, Assistant Medical Officer of Health, Medical Officer in charge of the Public Mortuary at Hongkong and Medical Officer in charge of the Public Mortuary at Kowloon to be medical officers for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Section 18 of the Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance, 1884.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed all medical practitioners who now are or hereafter shall be officers of the Government to be medical officers for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Section 6 of the Coroners Abolition Ordinance, 1888.

It is ordered that the provisions of the Rents Ordinance, shall not apply in the case of the domestic tenement known as No. 89, Gage Street, standing on Section 6 of Inland Lot No. 13.

FIRE FACTS.

LOCAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY?

CHAMBER'S SUGGESTION.

The Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce has gone to considerable trouble in investigating matters connected with local outbreaks of fire.

The Government is asked to appoint a commission of inquiry. From an advance proof of the Chamber's annual report for 1925 (which will be issued to members on Monday) the following chapter on "Organisation of the Fire Brigade" is reproduced:

The Peak Outbreak.

At the instance of the Fire Insurance Association of Hongkong, the Chamber, on June 8, addressed certain questions to the Government with reference to a fire which occurred at No. 5, The Peak, on April 28. The Government replied on June 22, enclosing a report by the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade containing answers to the Chamber's questions, and the enquiries and replies may be conveniently set forth as follows:

Question 1.—In view of the absence of fire fighting appliances particularly chemical Fire Extinguishers and portable sealing ladders, at the scene of the fire, will the Government state what appliances are kept on the Peak? And whether it will consider keeping a supply of portable chemical extinguishers—in fire trucks—at the "Peak Tram" Police Station and the "Mount Gough" Station?

Answer.—Fire fighting appliances kept on the Peak are five Despatch Boxes, each containing 3 to 5 lengths (e.g. 300 to 500 ft.) of hose, branch pipe and stand pipe for getting to work from Hydrants.

They are allocated:—1 at Government House (Mountain Lodge, Peak); 1 at No. 6 Police Station; 1 at Mountain View; 1 at Gough Hill Police Station; 1 at Victoria Hospital.

Chemical Extinguishers in Fire Trucks could be kept as suggested, but a permanent Sub-Fire Station with small, adaptable, and up-to-date appliances and a few trained firemen, as suggested in a former report, is to be preferred.

[The Government informed the Chamber in a covering letter that it is proposed to keep chemical extinguishers in fire trucks.]

Figures and Facts.

Question 2.—Why was only one fire engine sent to the Peak in the early stages of the fire, with a mere handful of men? It is presumed that the presence of the East Surrey Regiment at the fire was not known to Brigade Headquarters?

Answer.—This is incorrect. Two Motor Fire engines (in accordance with Brigade Organisation instituted here since September, 1922), were immediately despatched to the fire on the receipt of call. The fact that one machine (the first to arrive) is a speedier and later type, and better geared for climbing hills than the other, accounts for its arriving at the fire some few minutes earlier. The "mere handful" of men were:

14 with the 1st appliance (excluding driver).
7 with the 2nd appliance (excluding driver).

I might state that in England, in London in fact, a full crew for the 1st appliance would have been four men, including driver, and for the 2nd appliance, five men including driver and officer. Thus the comparison is in favour of Hongkong in this respect. The presence of the officers and men of the East Surrey Regiment at the fire was not known to the Brigade until the Brigade arrived at the fire.

Question 3.—When the alarm was given, it is understood that the entire Brigade was practising in front of the Hongkong Club. When these practices are being held it is presumed that suitable arrangements are made for communication between the Brigade and its Headquarters?

Answer.—No. The "entire" Brigade would include Kowloon Fire Appliances as well.

How It Was Done?

The appliances taken for practice in front of the Hongkong Club belong to Hongkong side only and at the most number only four. On this occasion only three appliances were available for drill. Of this number two were actually at the Hongkong Club at the time the call was received (e.g. No. 3 Machine from Wanchai and No. 4 from Kennedy Town).

No. 6 Appliance (the first machine that arrived at the fire) was about to leave Headquarters at the moment the call was received and in proceeding to the fire passed the Hongkong Club and ordered No. 8 machine on. No. 4 machine returned and

stood by, but a few minutes later, (on receipt of a Brigade message from the fire) was also ordered on. Thus all available help was sent.

The Chamber also stated that it has frequently been proved that unsupervised native labour is of comparatively little value, and this applies with equal force to the Fire Brigade. It was therefore asked whether the Government would consider the desirability of employing more Europeans in the Brigade in order to obtain better supervision and control. The Government replied that it is not proposed to employ firemen, but some increase in the number of European Officers may be necessary as sub-stations are opened. The "Government" also pointed out that owing to the configuration of the Peak it will always be difficult for the Fire Brigade to arrive at the scene of a fire as soon after the alarm is given as is possible in more accessible districts, and it is therefore most desirable that persons residing on the Peak should protect themselves in the manner customary in country districts in England by having chemical extinguishers on the premises.

Hongkong Hotel Fire.
On January 1, 1926, a large portion of the Hongkong Hotel was destroyed by fire. The Chamber on February 6 received the following letter from Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, Secretaries of the Fire Insurance Association of Hongkong, regarding the facilities available for dealing with the outbreak:

We have been instructed by our Committee to place before you for consideration the following points in connection with the above fire, which we feel should be brought to the early attention of the Government.

(1) Fire Brigade:—So far as the actual "Gear" is concerned we understand that it is considered to be sufficient for the present requirements of the Colony.

It is distributed over the following Stations:—
Hongkong:—Central Station, Kennedy Town and Wanchai.
Kowloon:—Central Station and Mongkoktsau.

There are in addition two Fire Floats, and we learn that a third, and more powerful one, is now approaching completion.

(2) Personnel.

If it is not a fact that the control and care of the above mentioned Stations, together with Fire Floats, rests in the hands of a permanent Staff consisting of three Europeans and approximately 200 Chinese?

If so, it would appear that the European Staff of the Fire Brigade is totally inadequate and our reasons for making this statement are as follows:—

(a) At the Fire in question, the most noticeable feature (apart from the inadequacy of the Water Supply at the commencement) was the lack of fire control resulting from the insufficiency of trained European firemen to see that the orders given by Superintendent Brooks were effectively carried out.

Orders were given by onlookers who had no connection with either the Brigade or the Police Force and this serious defect would not have arisen had a larger number of European firemen been available to control the situation.

Highest Praise.

Please understand that the foregoing is in no way intended to belittle the efforts of the Fire Brigade, as at present constituted on January 1 last. Working as they were under heavy disabilities the result achieved is worthy of the highest praise.

(b) We understand that the magnitude of the Hotel Fire necessitated the bringing over to Hongkong of the only European in charge on the Kowloon side, as well as practically the whole of the available Chinese Firemen, thereby leaving the Kowloon territories almost entirely unprotected for the period of several hours.

(c) In view of the area of the territory for which the Brigade is responsible; and, particularly so, as it is to all intents and purposes split into two separate divisions by the Harbour.

(d) The possibilities of a serious conflagration in the heart of the city, as illustrated by the fire in question, or among the Wharves and Godowns on the Kowloon side or at West Point. Had there been a strong wind blowing at the time, it is highly probable, in our opinion, that the fire would have assumed even more serious proportions.

(3) Distribution of Personnel.

The present European Staff is, we understand, distributed as follows:—

Hongkong Central Station:—Superintendent Brooks and Acting Station Officer Gordon (seconded from the Police).
Kowloon Central Station:—Station Officer Saunders.

If this is so, it will be seen that the undermentioned are without any permanent European Station Officers:—
Hongkong:—Kennedy Town, Wanchai.
Kowloon:—Mongkoktsau, Haikour, Two Fire Floats (at present).

In addition to the above, we understand that the Captain Superintendent of Police holds the title of Chief Officer of the Brigade, but in view of the fact that he was not in uniform at the Hotel Fire, we take this to be merely a nominal post and that he cannot be looked upon as one of the effective European members.

"Seems Obvious."

(4) Duties of Mr. Brooks:—Is it not a fact that the Superintendent in charge of the Brigade has many duties to perform, such as the inspection of Fire Installations, etc., which necessitate his frequent absence from Headquarters? If this is so, it seems obvious that in addition to further European Firemen, an assistant to Mr. Brooks, who can take charge of the Brigade in his absence, is urgently required.

(5) Native Staff.

Is it not a fact that the rank and file of the Chinese Staff is constantly changing, owing to the poor quality of the terms of service, thereby impairing the efficiency of the Brigade?

(6) Water Supply:—Is the Government satisfied that the normal pressure of water in the Mains is sufficient in view of the increasing number of high buildings erected and in process of erection in the City?

(7) Fire Insurance Association of Hongkong.

Would it not be possible for the Police and Fire Brigade to co-operate more closely and consult with this Association as occasion arises? Many of the Members of the Committee have had long experience of fires and, more particularly, fire protection, and the benefit of such experience would be gladly given if any useful purposes could be served thereby.

In conclusion, we are instructed to add that our Committee request your Chamber to strongly urge the Government's consideration of the very obvious necessity for an

ARGENTINE.

RELATIONS WITH LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

AN ECHO OF 1920.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Buenos Aires, March 19.
Dr. Gallardo, Foreign Minister, stated that the Argentine was unable to participate in the work of the special Commission of the League of Nations on the reconstruction of the Council until the Argentine Congress had decided the question of the Argentine's relations with the League, which have been unsettled since December, 1920, when the Argentine delegation withdrew from the Assembly owing to the latter's rejection of the Argentine proposal to admit all sovereign States to membership.

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Rugby, March 19.

Speaking at a luncheon given in his honour Mr. Alan Cobham said that we had gone so far in aviation to-day that it was quite possible for designers and air transport firms to make flying quite as safe as any other form of transport. But propaganda was absolutely needed as regarded aviation. So long as an aviator was looked upon as a brave man, aviation would never succeed. He thought that motor-ing in the streets of London was more dangerous.

immediate increase in the permanent European Personnel of the Fire Brigade.

The Chamber has approached the Government with the suggestion that a Commission of Inquiry into the local Fire Brigade organisation be appointed.

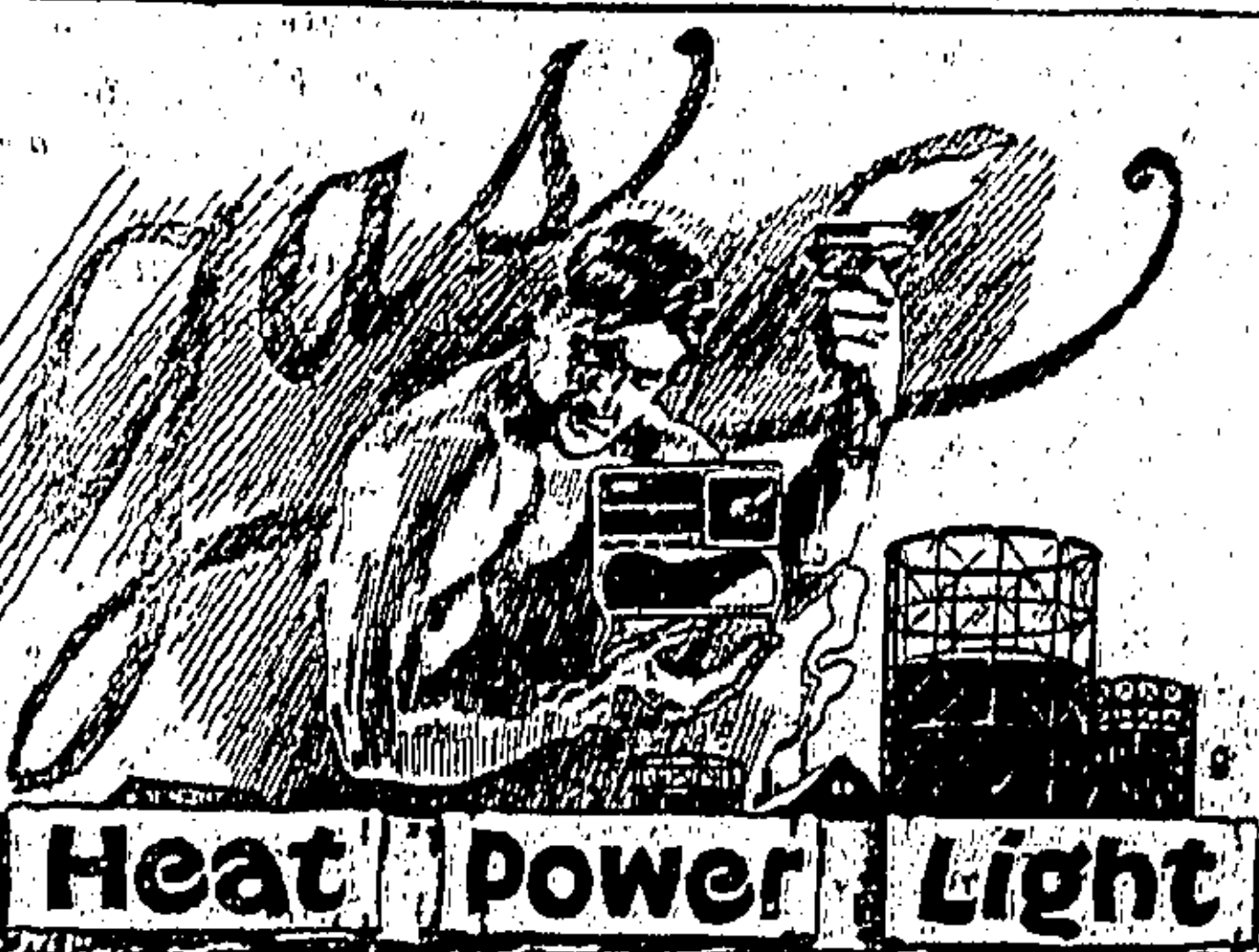
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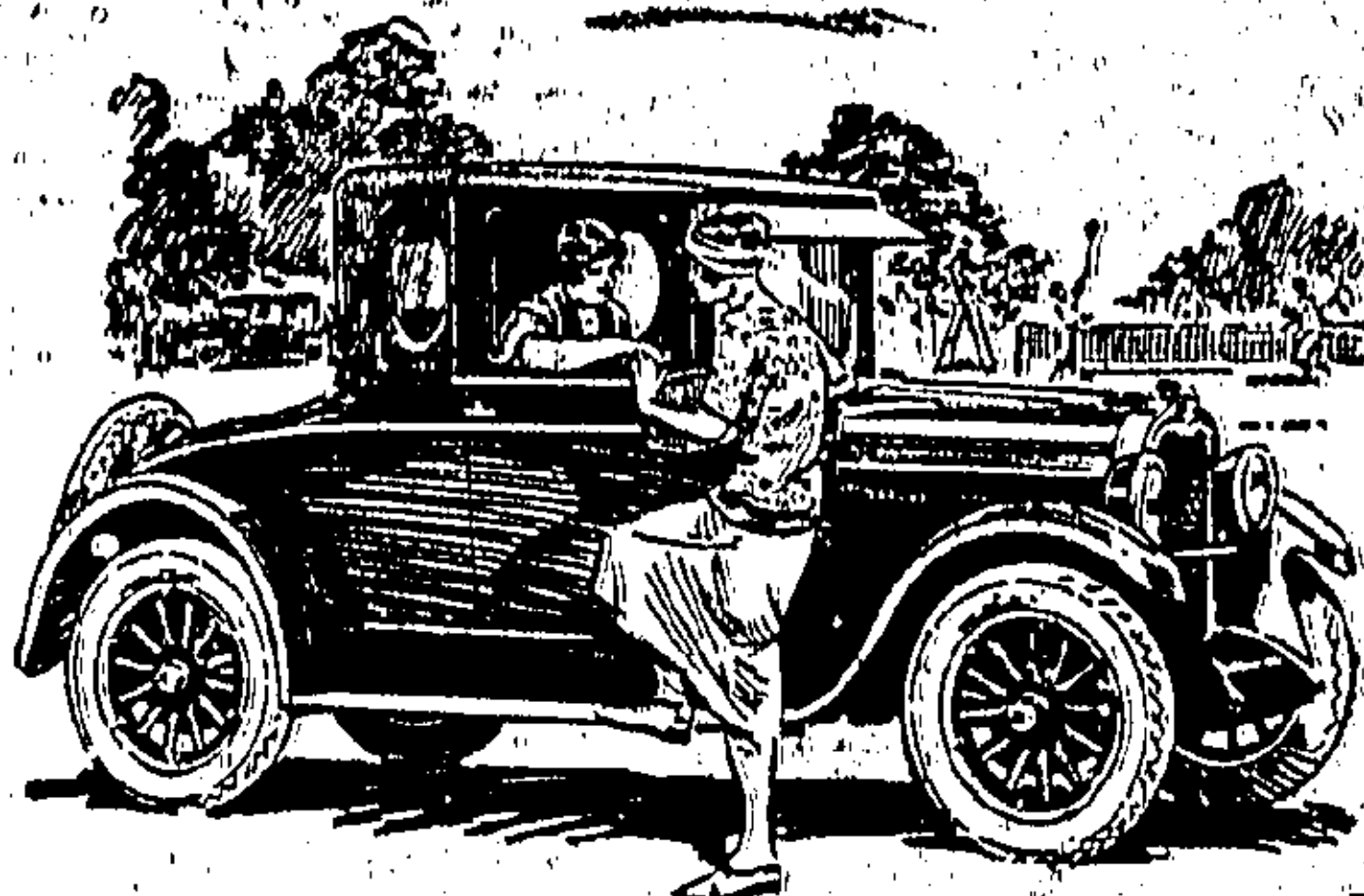


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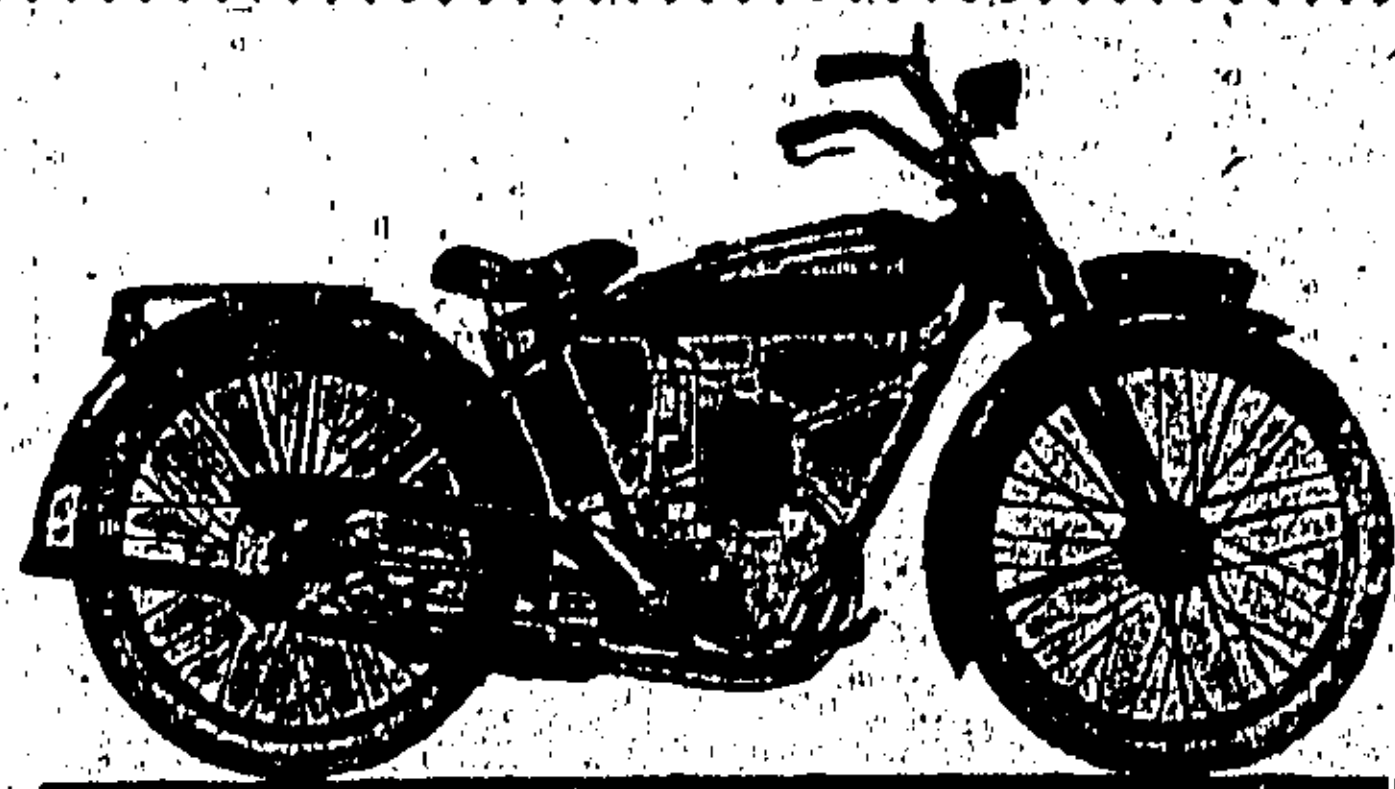
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The members of the East Suffolk County Council, include a father and daughter and a husband and wife.

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, LL.D., is to distribute the prizes at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Hall at 7.30 to-night, when the Tutorial Institute will hold a concert in connection with their annual function.

The small British naval craft returning home from Germany as a consequence of the evacuation of Cologne were held up at Strasbourg awaiting the melting of the ice that blocks the Rhine-to-Marne canal.

The coal output at the mines of Great Britain for the week ended January 9 was 3,059,500 tons, and the wage earners 1,084,600, compared with 4,051,600 tons and 1,084,400 wage earners for the preceding week.

The unusual circumstance of two battalions of the same regiment being stationed at the same place existed last month at Gibraltar, where the 2nd Battalion the Suffolk Regiment arrived to relieve the 1st Battalion, which is not due to leave for a month.

In an effort to keep the medical profession in the Philippines on a high standard, Governor General Wood, before departing for his inspection trip through the Mountain Province issued instructions to the department of the interior providing for a very careful selection of physicians to constitute the medical examining board.

The Manila Postal Savings Bank, Bureau of Posts, reports an increase of deposits for last January over deposits for January last year. Deposits in January 1925 were P5,623,057.74, while January this year showed P5,846,429.28. Accounts on January 31, 1925, were 168,370 and 177,000 this year. To further encourage deposits, Director Topacio will try to influence the legislature to increase the rate of interest of two and a half per cent. to four per cent.

The Mitsubishi Dockyard and Engine Works, Nagasaki, is now named the Nagasaki Works, Mitsubishi Zosen Kaisha, Ltd. At these works three Diesel engine passenger and cargo vessels are being constructed.

London slums are giving place to model dwellings and garden suburbs at increasing pace. The London County Council, which is London's chief municipal authority, has a number of schemes in hand. One of the latest affects the Brady Street area, covering 7½ acres in Bethnal Green. Here broad, well-lighted streets, have replaced dark narrow alleys. Blocks of commodious well-designed flats are rising where before stood crowded tenements. The rents of these flats range down to 14s. 9d. weekly, thereby bringing them within reach of those whose slum dwellings have been pulled down.

It is reported that Prince Chichibu, of Japan, who recently had an attack of measles in Switzerland, is now completely recovered.

The Rev. A. J. S. Stearn, formerly of the Diocesan Boys' School, St. Peter's Church, and the Hongkong Education Dept. is now Rector of Fletton, Peterborough.

A donation of 250 has been sent by the Queen in support of the Polytechnic appeal. At a dinner on March 30, at the Mansion House, the Premier will speak on behalf of the Polytechnic.

Miss G. E. Dunk who is said to be the only foreign missionary in Pakhot, will be remembered as the heroine of the Tai On piracy, some years ago. For her coolness and bravery, the Hongkong Government presented her with a bible and clock.

In order that President Coolidge might hold conversation with his father, Colonel John C. Coolidge, who is bed-ridden at the Coolidge homestead, a telephone was installed in the old farm house at Plymouth Notch. The elder Coolidge had refused steadily to have a telephone in his home and only his present disability caused him to accept the innovation.

The pleasures of the table are of all times and all ages, of every country, and of every day; they go hand in hand with all our other pleasures, outlast them, and in the end console us for their loss. In memory of the centenary of the death of Brillat-Savarin, who wrote the above words, a luncheon was given at the Savoy Hotel, the guests including the French Ambassador, Sir Arthur Stanley, Mr. Augustine Birrell, Sir Conan Doyle, Sir Squire Bancroft, Sir Arbuthnot Lane, Senator Marconi, Sir Landon Ronald, and Sir John Bland Sutton. They drank to the memory of the famous author of "The Physiology of Taste." The luncheon was worthy of the greatest authority on gastronomy of all time. The guests were furnished with a description of each dish, of which, perhaps, the most interesting was the capon braised in cream, and served with morilles, a species of mushroom found on the higher slopes of the Alps. The wines were Meunier, Goutte, 1911; Chateau Latone, 1898; Chateau Yquem, 1921; and Cognac Grande Monarque, 1895.



A boom has been started for Mrs. John W. Langley to succeed her husband in the U.S. Congress. Langley resigned to start serving a two-year term in Atlanta Penitentiary, for a liquor law violation.

The States of Jersey by a majority of 8 have decided to offer £300,000 as a free and final gift to the British Government. The question of a contribution to the Imperial Exchequer has been the subject of discussion for several years.

The Institution of Naval Architects, offers the following scholarships for competition in 1926:—The Martell Scholarship, £130 per annum, and the Vickers Scholarship, £150 per annum, for naval architecture; the Yarrow Scholarship, £100 per annum, and the Denny Scholarship, £75 per annum, for marine engineering.

Addressing the Chamber of Mines, Stanley Hymans, who has been in British Columbia for some time representing British capitalists, stated that money for investment is plentiful in England and that his people had over £200,000 available for investment in lead, copper and zinc developments. He stated that keen interest was being taken in British Columbia's mineral possibilities, largely by those who have been making money in connection with the rubber boom.

The Liverpool Education Committee has adopted plans for a new open-air school, the first of its kind in the city, to be erected in Walton Hall Avenue to the designs of Bernard Widdows. The contract is now being placed before the city council for confirmation. The new school is the last word of its type and the experience of more than 20 years' experiment in the United Kingdom and other countries will be embodied in the construction. Each classroom will have two walls and the other two faces will be provided by swinging partitions which can be closed when necessary. Heating in winter will be provided by pipes run under the floors. In plan the building will be rectangular and in the centre there will be a garden. Assembly rooms for school and other purposes will be provided in connection with the cloakrooms and such up-to-date facilities as map rooms will also be available.

Mr. James Thomson, of Anurum, Roxburghshire, has celebrated his 100th birthday.

Although 83, Mr. Henry Coombes still plays the billiards at Ryde (I.O.W.) Park, South.

Mr. Harry Day, Labour M.P., holds the record for questions put during the present Parliament, with 924 questions.

In recognition of their war services and the loss they suffered in consequence, the late Mr. James Thomas Marson, of Earl-street, Stafford, has left £1,000 each to three of his nephews.

Hudson Baxim, famous American inventor, has obtained after long search a steel hand of light weight to replace the hand he lost during the course of his explosive experiments some years ago.

A certificate was awarded in Dublin to Peter Grimes, labourer, who, at a fire induced, 20 girls to jump in orderly fashion from the window into sheets held by people in the street. He was the last to jump and was badly injured.

Mr. Sydney Beer, the English race-horse owner, who won £55,000 in five days playing baccarat at the Cannes Casino, forfeited his run of luck and lost £15,000. He played at a table where the minimum stake is £77. Another player lost about £30,000.

Signor Carmine Gallone, the Italian film producer, has just completed the filming of Lytton's "Last Days of Pompeii" with a cast of 45,000. "We have closely followed the book," he said, "and worked 10, 12, and 14 hours a day for seven months, but we had to wait nearly a year for Vesuvius to erupt, and we were almost in despair, when at length the little fellow obliged."

Mr. Compton Mackenzie confesses that before he was six he read "Don Quixote" and that the pages of the volume were still bent where he had fallen asleep over the book. Mackenzie's own belief is that it is wise to let children "run free" among books while they are young, and that to stultify their reading too much tends towards making little pigs of them. He prefers murder trials as "before bed" reading, and he has many volumes of such, including a lot of old State trials.

Cousin of the great novelist, Miss Caroline Thackeray has died at Zanzibar, at the age of 80.

Mr. Edward Wills and Miss Sylvia Ogden were recently married in London. Both belong to well-known families engaged in the tobacco trade.

Luigi Pirandello, author of "Six Characters in Search of an Author," director of the governmentally subsidised National Art Theatre and dean of Italy's playwrights, asserts he is the world's busiest and most prolific playwright-director-manager. Having just returned with his company from a long trip through Europe, Pirandello announces that he is working on four new comedies. One is almost completed. Meantime he is preparing this season's work for his company which will tour Italy, Spain and South America. The actors will get little rest on the way home, for a short stand is scheduled at Paris.

Mr. Lloyd George has received a very cordial invitation to go to Russia, accompanied by an assurance that if the invitation be accepted the Soviet Government will give him all facilities to investigate the condition of the country. The invitation does not come directly from the Russian Government itself, but its authoritative character indicates forcibly what is thought in the highest Russian quarters of Mr. Lloyd George's unique position. Behind the invitation there is the statesmanlike aspiration that a just and candid interpreter may at last be found between two great peoples whose interests alike demand a mutual understanding.

Miss Helen Wills besides possessing the most powerful forehand drive ever seen in women's tennis on the Riviera court, holds the distinction of being the only unbattered player out of the thirty-two entered in the recent tournament. A hairdresser at the Hotel Metropole, while preparing the champion's head-dress prior to her appearance on the courts for practice asked: "Why don't you bob your hair, Miss Wills?" "I am too old fashioned," replied the twenty-two-year-old champion. But, while thousands of spectators applauded her during her match against Mrs. Aeschlimann, an elderly British countess in the audience was heard to remark: "I love her because she has not sacrificed her beautiful hair to a foolish fashion."

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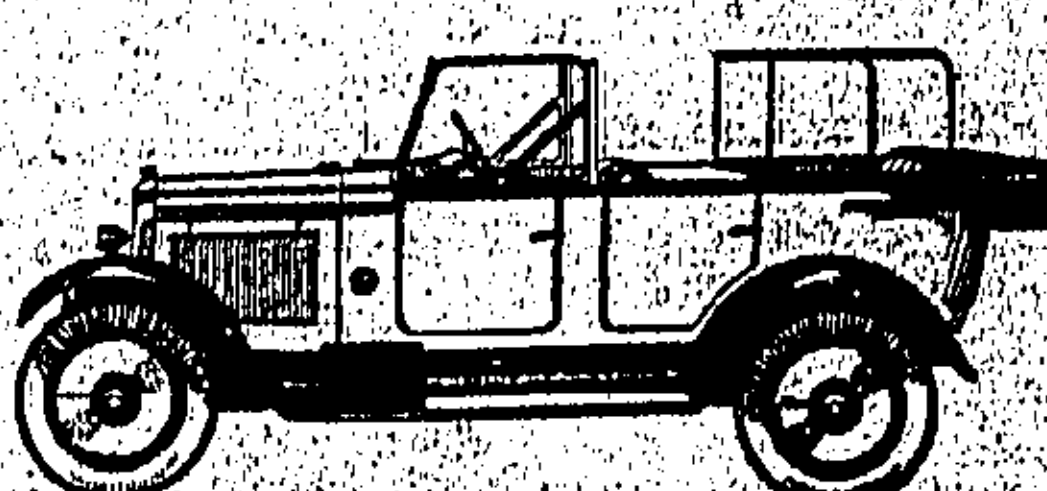
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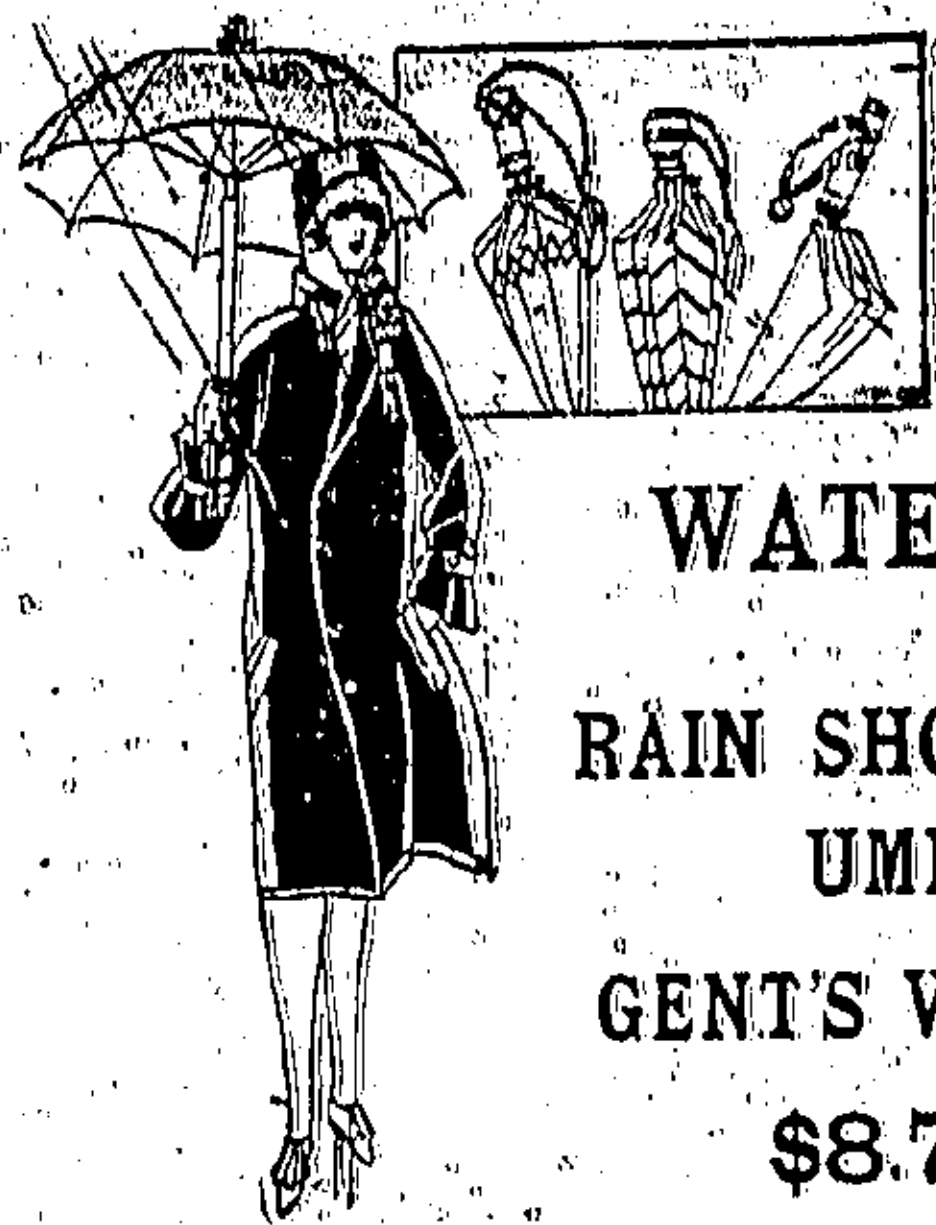
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Prince Louis of Monaco will visit Florida soon, seeking, it is rumoured, a "Dollar Princess." Prince Madhavsinhji of India, is to study agriculture in California. Major-General Patrick, chief of the U. S. Air Service, told Congress that he favours a unified air service. Dr. John H. Evans has been decorated by Armenia for distinguished service in eliminating epidemic diseases in that country while working for the Near East Relief.



An attack on the system which permits foreign Ambassadors to the United States to buy all the liquor they want, while Americans are denied the same privilege, was launched in the U.S. Senate by Senator Cole L. Blease, of South Carolina.



John J. Foley, a milkman, shown at work in his dairy, blocked the effort of John D. Rockefeller, richest man in the world, to close Longwood road, which bisects the oil magnate's estate. Foley claims his business would be ruined by closing the highway.



Here's what Paris modistes say will be the latest in fashions for women—skirts "extremely" short, reaching above the knees. French dress-makers are showing these frocks of varied colours.



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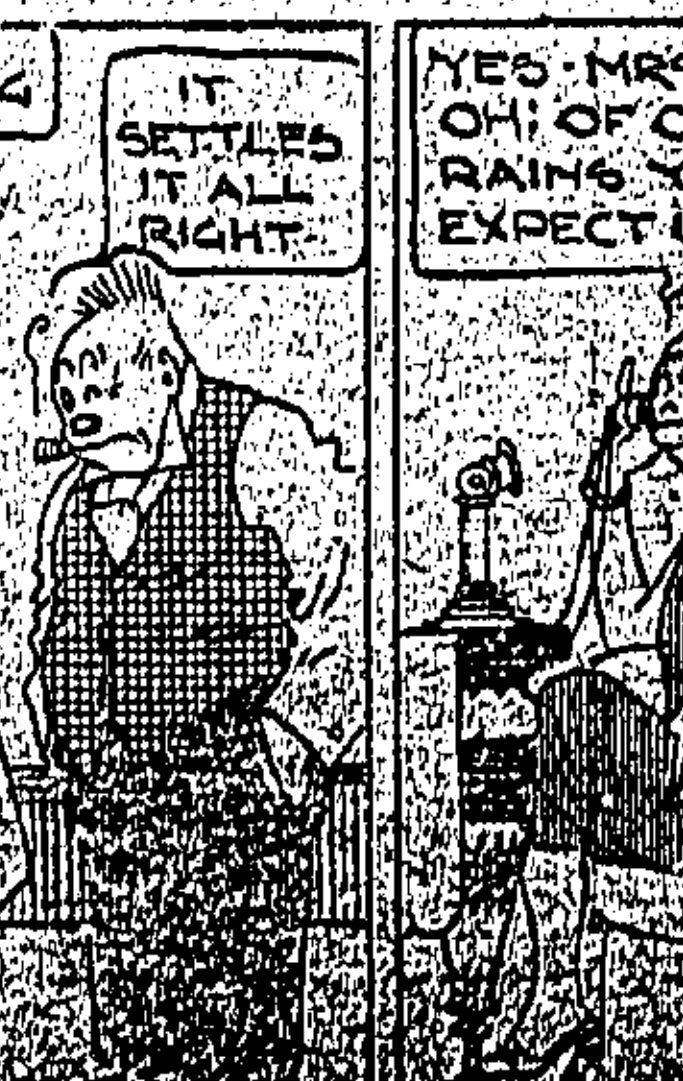


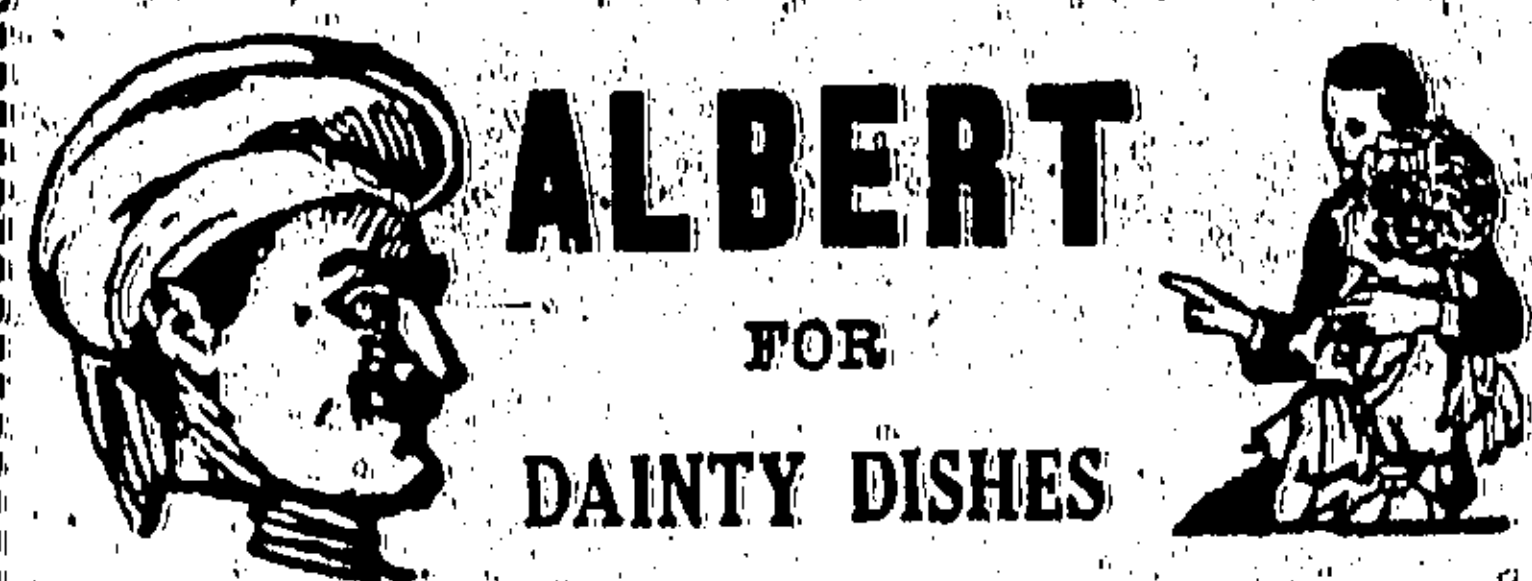
SENATOR BORAH

Premier Briand, of France, now much in the political limelight. Bernard Baruch has been in conference with President Coolidge, presumably about the World Court. Lieutenant B. H. Wyatt will command an aerial expedition to map hitherto unknown parts of Alaska. Senator Borah led the fight in the Senate against the World Court.

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LOCAL LODGES' THIRD
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REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

At this week's public meeting of the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society, the third anniversary of the Lodge was celebrated, and an address was given by Mr. H. E. Lanepart on "Religion and its Future."

Outlining the work performed by the Lodge during the year under review, the Hon. Secretary said that the success was largely due to the devoted efforts of the President and the various workers of the Lodge. Thanks were also due to a number of fellow-visitors who gave their valuable assistance whilst in Hongkong, namely, Dr. Mary Roche-Sydney, Australian Representative of the Order of the Star in the East; Mr. Max Wardall, San, Francisco; Bishop Irving S. Cooper, Chicago; Miss Flora Menzel, Milwaukee; Sr. J. de Resende, Macao; Mr. M. Brown, Shanghai; Mrs. W. Douglas, Montana; Professor H. van Lubbertain, Tokyo; Mr. N. Cassell, Decatur; and others. Altogether 107 meetings were held, 48 of which were lectures to the public.

The membership increased steadily throughout the year, exceeding last year's increase when the membership had doubled. The Library had been increased. Amongst other donors the Lodge President had presented a valuable collection of books on "Theosophy," "Comparative Religion," "Philosophy," and "Occult Science." A large amount of books was ordered by the Lodge for the library and also for members and friends. Several special collections of Theosophical books in English were presented by the Lodge to local institutions and associations. The China Publication Fund in Shanghai published a further number of Theosophical books in Chinese and several thousands of these were distributed in Hongkong and outposts.

The Lodge President, Mr. M. Manuk, had been appointed representative for all the eight Theosophical Lodges in China, at the Theosophical World Conference at Adyar, attended by over 3,000 delegates representing almost all the nations and countries of the world. Whilst at Adyar the Lodge President was appointed Presidential Agent for China by Dr. Annie Besant, World President. Hongkong thus becoming the centre for all Theosophical activities in China.

To meet the increasing demand, a Chinese section was formally opened, and public lectures are now given also in the Chinese language, every Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. Other new introductions were a Speaker's Training Class in English, held every week, and weekly meetings of the Order of the Star in the East, whose aim is to spread the knowledge and to give out information about the underlying facts of the Second Coming of the world Teacher which is now imminent.

The celebration concluded with a quiet meditation when all united in sending thoughts of love and gratitude to the late Bro. G. F. L. Harrison, and all the original founders of the Lodge, as well as to the absent President and all those who so faithfully had assisted in the work.

Heartly thanks were also expressed to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rutledge for the free use of the Lodge Rooms.

"Future of Religion."

After the ceremony an address was given on "Religion and its Future." The lecturer, Mr. Lanepart, said, in brief: There are problems which lie before the religious world to-day imperatively demanding solution. The Established Churches are faced with the choice as to whether they will grant a



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wider expression to the voice of the Spirit, the Divine Knowledge in man, or whether they will press upon the people fetters of dead-letter dogma too heavy for the modern mind to bear. Dogma has its use in teaching, crude human minds, who otherwise would be unable to grasp the religious verities at all. The mischief of dogma, pressed upon more advanced intellects in whom spiritual and intellectual discrimination has begun to exert itself, is that religious growth is hindered, and the dogma that begins to fetter the Light that enlightens every man that cometh into the world has to be shattered because it has become an obstacle to further advance on the road to truth. The dogmatist tries to force dogma on others, when he himself has doubt as to whether it is a full statement of the truth or not. His persecution arises from doubt, not from faith. If we are to grow, if we are to reach the stature of the spiritual man, then we must transcend the dogma and rise into the spiritual atmosphere—bring into play man's spiritual nature. Thus only shall we know the truth and the truth shall make us free to follow the Christ in us. By the Christ becoming a man as we see it to-day happen in all the religions of the world, men will rise from the intellectual ground to the spiritual consciousness where all men are at one. In the Divine Kingdom there are no aliens and no outcasts. In that great household of the One God all are in their Father's house, and when that begins to dawn on men, and it is dawning on men to-day in all races, in all the religions of the world, in every nation, then the conditions become possible for a world-faith, and make the brotherhood of religions an actuality in the outer world as they were ever one for the spiritual understanding of the mystic. It is the spread of mysticism in all religions that will make them know themselves as one, as serving the One and Only God, and thus is the World becoming ready to know the World-Teacher Who will be soon amongst us.

The wedding guest he beat his breast,
 The bells began to toll,
 But still the stud refused to go
 Into the buttonhole.

The wedding guest still beat his breast,
 The march began to play,
 But still the stud refused to go,
 Under the bed 'it lay.

DR. SUN YAT-SEN.

FOUNDATION STONE OF
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CEREMONY AT NANKING.

Writing on March 12, the Nanking correspondent of the "Shanghai Times" says:—

The laying of the foundation stone of Dr. Sun Yat-sen's tomb at Purple Mountain was conducted here to-day with simple ceremony, but there was no serious disturbance, although members of the left and right wings of the Kuomintang held separate meetings in the city.

Heavy police guards were on duty and kept order during the memorial meetings and also at the tomb, where the two parties occupied separate stations. After the ceremony, there was a small fight in which one or two people were injured when volleys of stones were thrown. One of the injured men was a Shanghai delegate.

Although a big crowd was expected to attend the tomb ceremony, only about 1,500 people were present. The ceremony was simple and dignified, there being no speeches outside the formal ceremony. The tomb ceremony was preceded by meetings in Nanking this morning at which inflammatory speeches were made, and the militarists, especially Chang Tso-lin and Wu Pei-fu, were denounced.

Hundreds of Kuomintang flags were flying in the city in place of the national flag, and many people took to-day holiday. Celebrations started yesterday on the arrival of Mrs. Sun Po and leading members of the Kuomintang. The train conveying about 3,000 people from Shanghai arrived later. A large number of people assembled at the station to welcome the visitors.

The day's ceremonies opened with the raising of the Kuomintang flag which was greeted by a salute of 21 guns. The tomb ceremony started at 8 p.m., and did not last long. Another stone is to be laid by members of Dr. Sun's family. Work on the tomb, which is 5 miles from the city, has been started and when it is completed the tomb will be larger than the tomb of the first Ming Emperor which adjoins the burial ground of Dr. Sun.

Peking Procession.

Peking, March 11.
 Thousands of people, since early morning to-day, repaired to Peking Temple on the suburbs of Peking, where the remains of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen are lying in state, to pay homage to the spirit of the "Father of the Chinese Republic."

A lantern procession was staged here this evening in commemoration of the first anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the procession starting from Peking University and parading through the main streets. Those who joined the procession numbered 200. While parading they cried out in favour of the overthrow of British and Japanese imperialism, the overthrow of Chinese militarists, and the revolution of the world—Eastern News Agency.

Special Services.

Peking, March 12.
 The anniversary of Dr. Sun Yat-sen's death was celebrated this morning. Special services were held at the Central Park by Mr. Chang Chin-poh, belonging to the non-communist section of the Kuomintang. Similar services were held at the Hoping-kunguan, where Mr. Hsu Chieh, a member of the communist section, officiated. There was also a ceremony at the Tiananmen at noon, when Mr. Ma Hsu-lin, former Vice-Minister of Education and a prominent member of the Kuomintang, laid the foundation stone of a bronze statue of Dr. Sun which is being erected there. Large numbers of students were present at all the ceremonies and processions marched through the streets.—Reuter.

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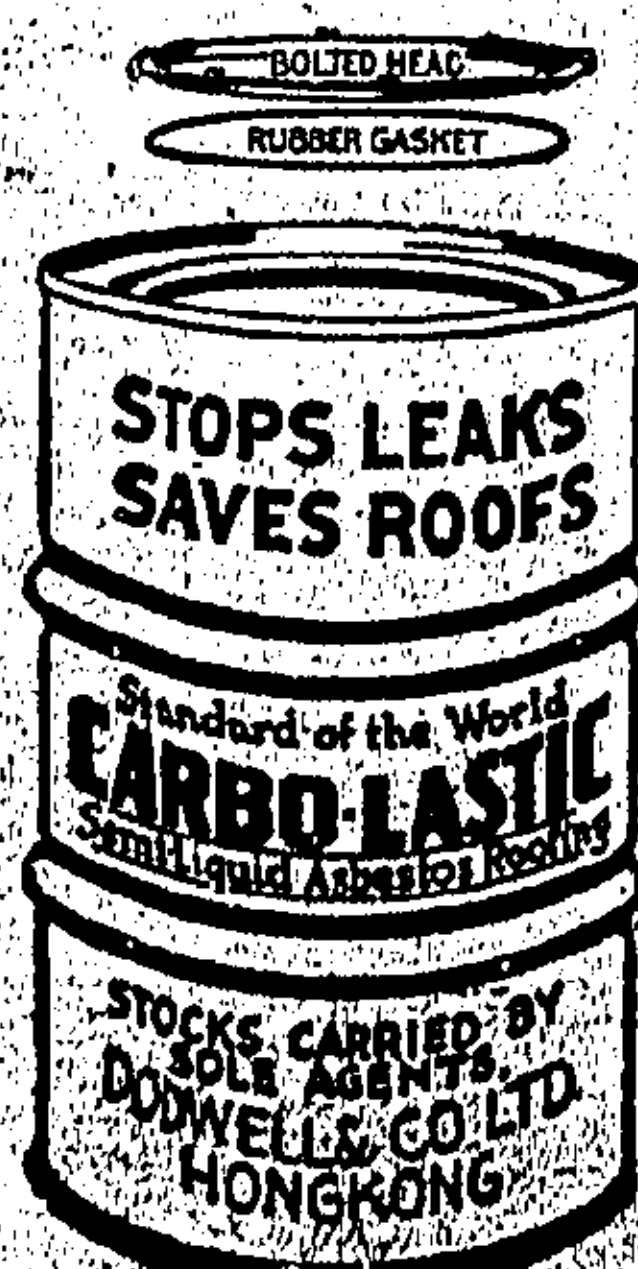
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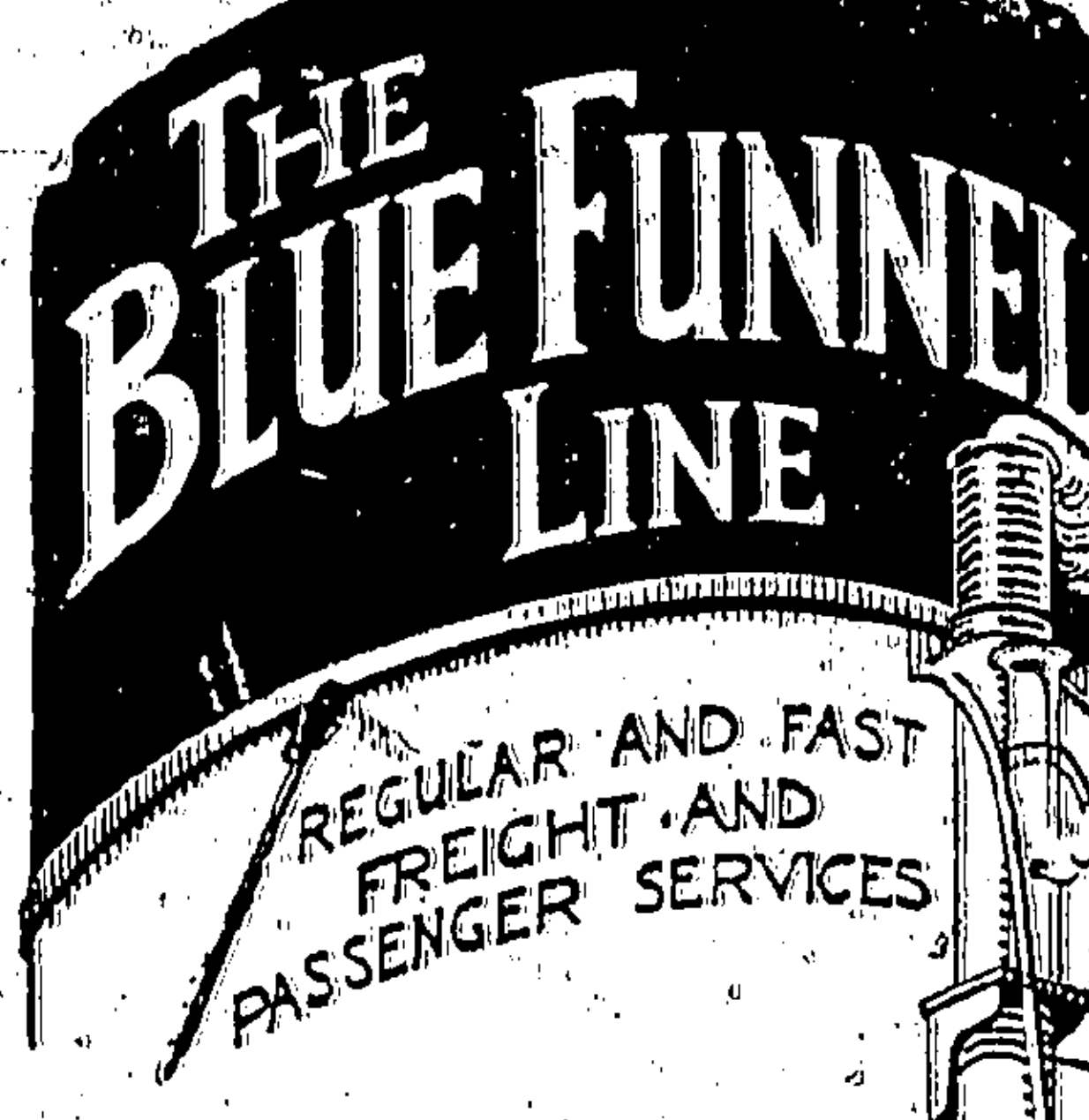
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OFFICIAL STATEMENT.
(British Wireless Service.)
Rugby, March 19.

A communique issued by the India Office states that the Government of India has for some time past had under consideration the desire of the Begum of Bhopal that her only surviving son should be recognised as her heir to the exclusion of the sons of her elder deceased sons.

Those representations have necessitated prolonged and exhaustive researches into history and precedents, as a result of which Her Highness has now been informed by the Viceroy, through the Secretary of State for India, who is in full concurrence with the decision, that the Government of India is prepared to recognise her only surviving son, Nawabzada Haji Muhammad Hamidulla Khan, as the heir apparent to the Masnad of Bhopal.

It has been explained to Her Highness that the decision is based on certain rulings of the Government of India in a number of analogous cases of succession in Mohammedan States which occurred during the nineteenth century and in the view that, in the absence of any local custom to the contrary, the rule then followed is applicable to the succession in Bhopal in the present circumstances.

ANTI-VATICAN VOTE FOR THE "SCAFFOLD."

REBUFF FOR NEW DUTCH CABINET.
NARROW MAJORITY.
(Reuter's Service.)

The Hague, March 19.
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London, March 19.
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